

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)
150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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WELCOME

SUNDAY, August 23, 2020 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

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Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Stop in and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Church is open 7am-3pm (M-F).

with **GOD ALL**
things
are **POSSIBLE** Mt 19:36



ATTENTION! In order to attend
Saturday evening / Sunday Masses
you must sign-up in advance.

You can now even sign-up for the whole month.

Given that so many are already signed up
sign-ups will be via email to
olvrectory.hp@gmail.com or by calling the rectory
See page 2 for new Mass schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Congratulations to our 22 Confirmandi! Last Thursday and Friday, **Bp. Marconi** conferred the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on 22 candidates. We congratulate them and thank Bishop Marconi, Fr. Michael Gubernat (Master of Ceremonies) for making this happen. May the Holy Spirit make them all true witnesses of God in their lives. I thank in a special way Mrs. Sue Evanella, Mrs. Denise Coulter our CCD Coordinators and Mr. Peter Skae, our Confirmation instructor. I thank also our Music Ministry, ushers, altar servers, and those who worked behind the scenes: Deacon Al, Mr. McDonough and countless others who want to remain anonymous.

Thomas A. Edison invented the incandescent light bulb and developed the phonograph or record player and the 'kinescope', a small box for viewing moving films. When he was a young lad, his teacher sent him home with a note which said, "Your child is dumb. We can't do anything for him." Mrs. Edison wrote back, "You do not understand my boy. I will teach him myself". And she did, with results that are well known. Isn't that how Mary is with us?

With God all things are possible! (Matthew 19:26).

May Virgin Mary the Queen, who has undergone so many trials to raise Jesus to destroy death for us intercede for us and help us.

**GREAT WAYS
TO SPEND SUMMER** with kids
go to **DAILY MASS** with your kids
recite daily the **ROSARY**

and read Bible stories from Book of Genesis, Exodus,
Book of Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, Book of Judith, Ruth,
Esther and Book of prophet Daniel and Jonah

Read **LIVES OF SAINTS**

by Alban Butler, Online resources

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/lots/index.htm>

Or online google the saint of your birth day, Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Graduation day, Confirmation day, wedding day, etc. You can also travel virtually to the places where they lived - SO MUCH FUN, so much to find out and learn & above all so much INSPIRATION

SO MUCH FUN + INSPIRATION

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession **at a minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered Mon.-Sat: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

New Mass Schedule for Opening Church

Saturday evening 4:00PM and 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 8:00AM *Latin*, 9:30AM - also live-streamed,
10:45AM, 10:45AM Family Mass in OLV GYM
12:00Noon, 1:00PM *Spanish*, 6:00PM.

There will be no 7:00PM Mass on Sunday evening.

Last Chance! Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

If you would like to purchase tickets please call OLV Rectory. Proceeds support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be September 6, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

Relevant Radio - 1430 AM

Tune in to Relevant Radio, the largest Catholic radio network in the nation. Its local station 1430AM, has fast become a growing Catholic radio presence here in the Archdiocese of Newark and the greater New York/Tri-State area, sharing news and insights into our Catholic Faith. Listen online at www.relevantradio.com and on the FREE mobile app.

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS??

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee-shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house? "

Clothing Bins

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to clean out those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE

If you have never heard
Fr. Michael Schmitz or
Jason and Crystalina Evert speak
You missed great talks,
google:
jason and crystalina evert videos
U WILL NOT REGRET

Will you ever understand **HER** ?

Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you - your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get?" a teacher asked a boy. The unexpected answer was forthright. "A sixth," replied the boy. The teacher immediately replied, "I'm afraid you don't know your fractions. Remember, there are seven of you." "Yes, teacher," said the boy, "but you don't know my mother. Mother would say she didn't want any pie.

"The Holy Virgin is, by her motherhood, queen of the whole universe. For, if she is a mother, she is naturally heiress of the entire patrimony of the Son" (E. Hugon). Thus, today's feast reminds us that we can turn to Mary in every need, counting on her intercession and mediation. Saint Maximilian Kolbe wrote that Mary "has a right to be loved as Queen of all hearts so that through her, hearts would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart, and so worthy of union with God." The Queenship of Mary invites us to love Christ by loving and serving His mother. - *Magnificat*

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn

Lieutenant Gigi McElroy
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate
Corporal Joseph Levine

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 Mary Pantalon R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Jordan Pedersen, Sr. R/b the Pedersen Family

Tuesday, August 25 – St. Louis of France

8:00 Mary Pantalon R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

Wednesday, August 26 - St. Caesarius of France, Bishop of Arles

8:00 Daniel Donohue R/b Matthew and Mary Ann Donohue-Ryan
12:00 Vilma Boulware R/b the Zanetti Family

Thursday, August 27 - St. Monica of Africa—Patron of Mothers

8:00 Fr. Tom McEnroe R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 James F. Gorman R/b the Gorman Family

Friday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

8:00 Mary Ann Junger R/b Norma Reinfried
12:00 Mary Cecon

Saturday, August 29 – Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

8:00 Denise Villasana R/b Karen Accavallo
12:00 Georgette Piro R/b Marie and Jennifer Petrone
4:00 Jennie Bertoglio R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
5:00 Catherine Brennan R/b Judy Pommert

Sunday, August 30 – St. Fiacre, Hermit-Ireland

7:00 Robert and Yvonne Alberilli R/b the Younghans Family
8:00 Esti Parlanti R/b Marita Morgan
9:30 Michael B. Ryan R/b the Seco Family
10:45 Barbara Viapiano R/b Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Colarullo
10:45 Gym Thomas J. Creighton III R/b Joe Tobia
12:00 Joseph Gornetski R/b the McElroy Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Jack McGovern R/b David and Donna Hansen

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for those who serve in defense of our country.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Millie Sutter, r/b Mary Ann and Michelle Ryan, and Julia.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Millie Sutter, r/b Mary Ann and Michelle Ryan, and Julia.

Flower & Sanctuary Offerings

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar, BVM and St. Joseph, call the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to:*

OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

Thank you for your generosity.

“Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God’s heart.”

- St Maximilian Kolbe

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please Pray in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the sick of the Parish may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the strength to continue God’s Will: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Marie D’Ascenzo, Jerry DiGirolamo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Foley, Amy Hartwell, Andy Hogh, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, John Peterson Jr, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Janet Sylvia, Mike Tobia, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Roseann, Sean, Sharon, Tom, Robert Bardsley.

Spiritual Communion composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

SICK OR “HOMEBOUND”

If you are sick or “homebound” (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

The "Wife" Advertisement

Back in 1920, a 43 year old German policeman was getting concerned that he had not met the right woman to marry. In desperation, he placed the following advertisement in the newspapers. "Middle-ranking civil servant, single, Catholic, 43, immaculate past, from the country, is looking for a good Catholic, pure girl who can cook well, tackle all household chores, with a talent for sewing and homemaking, with a view to marriage as soon as possible. Fortune desirable, but not a precondition." A woman named Maria Peintner answered the newspaper ad. She was 36 years old, a trained cook, and had been born "out of wedlock." While carrying her, her mother, whom it is suggested was also born "out of wedlock," spent some time in a home for pregnant girls. The mother later married a baker named Rieger, with whom she had five more daughters. Maria did not have a fortune, but she herself was a treasure, and they married four months later. In spite of their somewhat advanced years, they had three children: two boys and a girl. The youngest child received the same name as his father: Joseph Ratzinger, better known today as Pope Benedict XVI. After his election, someone dug up the "wife wanted" advertisement and showed it to the Pope, who, of course, smiled. They were the best of parents to their children. The important thing is that he knew his parents really loved each other, and the children, very much. Pope Benedict often speaks about that love. In fact, his first encyclical is entitled, "God is Love," and it describes marriage as the preeminent figure of God's love for us. Thus, know that, even being illegitimate, every child is a gift.

Did you Know?

Wow! God is so good! Last week, Lebanon experienced a deadly explosion in Beirut. The blast caused more than 200 casualties, thousands of injuries, and destroyed much of the city. It also left over 300,000 people homeless. God does not abandon us, however. Photos of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary surviving the explosion surfaced. The statue appears to be a grotto on the side of a building in Beirut. These photos truly exemplify Our Lady's love for her children! -Churchpop Editor, August 13



A little humor ...

The teacher called Little Johnny to her desk. She said: "This essay you've written about your pet dog is exactly the same essay your brother has written." "Of course it is," said Johnny. "It's the same dog." *** Little Johnny says: "Mom, you know that lovely vase in the dining room that's been handed down from generation to generation?" Mom replies: "Yes. What about it?" He says: "Well, the last generation just dropped it." *** Teacher: "I hope I didn't see you looking at Tommy's test paper." Johnny: "I hope you didn't see me either." *** Teacher: "You know you can't sleep in my class." Johnny: "I know, Miss. But maybe if you were a little quieter I could."

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. We celebrate the Queenship of Mary on August 22nd.
2. We celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.
3. Jesus asked, "who do people say the Son of Man is."
4. Some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, some say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.
5. Peter, meaning "a rock".

St Monica - Mother of St. Augustine

Patron Saint of difficult marriages, homemakers, and mothers

Saint Monica was born in 333. As soon as she was old enough she was married to Patricius, a pagan citizen of Tagaste. Although Patricius was a difficult man, she bore all trials with great patience. Monica's example and influence resulted in Patricius' conversion to Christianity. He died a year after his baptism, leaving Monica a widow at 40.

Saint Monica's cross in life was the conduct of her son Augustine, who was 17 when his father died. She wept, she fasted and she prayed long and fervently for his conversion.

When he left her in Africa to go to Italy, she followed him and found him in Milan. In Milan, Monica befriended the great Saint Ambrose, who played a key role in Augustine's conversion. The seed of her prayers bore fruit when Augustine abandoned his sinful life, was baptized, and decided to return to North Africa as a Christian leader. Her son had come home to the Church and was returning to his native land. Her life's mission accomplished, Saint Monica died in her late fifties in the Roman port of Ostia, while waiting to board the ship to cross over to Africa. Her remains are now found in the Basilica of Saint Augustine in central Rome. Her feast day is August 27th. —Lives of the Saints; My Catholic Life!

St. Augustine - August 28th

Patron of those who struggle with the 6th commandment, the Confused, the Lost, the Theologians, GREAT SAINT TO PRAY TO

This famous son of St. Monica was born on November 13, 354 in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His humility prompted him to write his Confessions about the year 397, and from this work we have a detailed account of his early life. His feast day is August 28th.

—Lives of the Saints; www.Catholic.org

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*).

Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church.

If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.

Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have 2 Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

5 Reasons Mary Should Reign as the Queen of Your Heart

Why should you devote yourself to the Blessed Mother? On this feast of the Queenship of Mary, I've provided just a few reasons why she should be the "queen" of your heart:

1) Many of the greatest saints devoted their hearts to Mary. There are countless saints who devoted themselves to the Blessed Mother, but here are just a few examples: St. Louis de Montfort wrote many books in honor of the Blessed Mother, including *True Devotion to Mary*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *The Secret of Mary*. He said, "The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." St. Therese of Lisieux, another doctor of the Church, said, "In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a Franciscan priest and mystic, who also had the gift of the stigmata, said, "Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul."

2) Jesus gave her to us as our mother. At the foot of the cross, Jesus put His mother into the hands of St. John. "When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (Jn. 19:26-27) St. John represents the entire human race; therefore, Mary is our spiritual mother as well.

3) She is the "Mediatrice of All Graces". The Second Vatican Council said, "in suffering with Him as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Savior, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope, and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result, she is our Mother in the order of grace." (*Lumen Gentium*, 61-62). In his encyclical *Adiutricem*, Pope Leo XIII explained that the power "put into her hands is all but unlimited." In Pope Pius X's encyclical, *Ad Diem Illum Laetissimum*, he said that Mary is the "Dispensatrix of all the gifts that Our Savior purchased for us by His Death and by His Blood." He also quotes St. Bernardine of Sienna, saying that Mary "is the neck of Our Head, by which He communicates to His mystical body all spiritual gifts." How incredible are the graces we can receive from our most Holy and Blessed Mother!

4) She leads us to Jesus. When we are devoted to Mary, our love for Jesus increases because her greatest desire is to lead us to Him. St. Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *True Devotion to Mary*: "All our perfection consists in being conformed, united, and consecrated to Jesus Christ; and therefore, the most perfect of all devotions is, without any doubt, that which the most perfectly conforms, unites, and consecrates us to Jesus Christ. Now, Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, it follows that, of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul to our Lord is devotion to His holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more is it consecrated to Jesus."

5) She is our perfect pathway to holiness. As St. Louis de Montfort said above, "all our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ." Mary's ability to bring us closer to her Son draws us to greater holiness, because she was completely sinless. Pope Paul VI said in *Lumen Gentium*, "But while in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues."

With all this said, there are many ways we can devote ourselves to the Blessed Mother. We can pray the *Rosary*, the *Angelus*, consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary or practice the *Seven Sorrows Devotion* or the *Five First Saturdays* devotion. The list goes on!

-Churchpop Editor, August 22

The Queenship of Mary

When Pope Pius XII instituted the Feast of the Queenship of Mary in 1954, it was celebrated on May 31, which is now the Visitation of Elizabeth by Mary. When Pope Paul VI promulgated the current Roman Calendar in 1969, this feast was transferred to August 22 to close the octave or eight-day celebration of Mary's Assumption. These two Marian Feasts – Her Assumption into Heaven which we celebrated last week, and her Queenship or Coronation this week are very Christ-centered celebrations. Without Christ the King, there could be no Queenship of Mary. Incidentally, in ancient times, the Queen was not the King's wife; she was the King's mother. Mary's Queenship highlights her dignity and full glorification. In Mary's Queenship we see the fulfillment of the promise made to all her Son's disciples, "If we persevere, we shall also reign with Him." (2 Timothy 2:11). She who cared for the Infant Christ and taught Him to know, love and serve God, and who even stood beneath His cross to ease His dying pain, deserves the great honor of "reigning with Christ." As mother of the messianic King who now sits on the throne of David and rules over His Kingdom, the Church declares Mary to be our Queen and mother. Since Mary is "the lowly handmaid," who was raised to glory, according to her Son's promise, "those who humble themselves shall be exalted." From her place at her Son's side, Mary now intercedes for the Church with a mother's love. The Church first experienced Mary's powerful intercession in the Upper Room, where she gathered with the Apostles to await the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit descended on them at Pentecost, scripture falls silent on Mary's role in the Church, but our Catholic Tradition has always taught that Mary remains with the Church, "following its progress homeward until the day of the Lord dawns in splendor." How can we be sure of this? As her Son hung upon the Cross, He saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved. Jesus said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." St. John's Gospel, chapter 19 verse 27 then adds, "And from that hour on the disciple took her into his home." Jesus meant these words for us! Have you taken Mary into your home?

PROMISES OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war... If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace... If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace... In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of Faith will always be preserved... He (Jesus) wants to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adore His throne... The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all Bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means." **Words of OUR LADY at Fatima**

KIDZ KORNER

1. What date is the feast of the Queenship of Mary?
2. What do we celebrate on the feast of the Queenship of Mary?
3. In today's Gospel, what important question did Jesus ask His disciples?
4. What answer did Jesus' disciples give?
5. What new name did Jesus give to Simon, son of Jonah?

It has been my experience that when you really come to the Lord, He never sends you away empty unless you come to Him stuffed full of yourself.